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EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING AN EMERGENCY TO
EXIST IN MISSOULA AND MINERAL COUNTIES

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WHEREAS, a train carrying hazardous materials has derailed in western Missoula County; and

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WHEREAS, the rupture of a chlorine tank car has caused injuries and forced the evacuation of over 1,000 people; and

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WHEREAS, these conditions are causing life threatening situations and are an imminent threat to people, property and livestock; and

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WHEREAS, interstate transportation systems have been disrupted; and

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WHEREAS, these conditions authorize the Governor to activate State resources to protect life, health and property; and

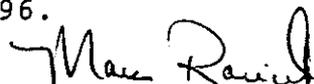
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WHEREAS, a proclamation of an emergency or disaster authorizes the Governor under Section 10-3-311, MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies and needs arising from these conditions.

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under the Constitution of the State of Montana, Section 10-3-302, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby declare an emergency to exist in Missoula and Mineral Counties.

This Order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 11th day of April 1996.


MARC RACICOT, Governor

ATTEST:


MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State